Availability of medicines to patients

†495. SHRIMUNAWAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cost of medicines supplied to various hospitals for providing to patients during the last three years and upto 30 June, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that medicines are not being provided to the patients in various hospitals and they have to purchase the medicines from market in spite of their admission in the hospitals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by Government to make the medicines available to the patients in the hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals are concerned, the details of the cost of the medicines supplied during the last three years and upto the 30th June, 2002 are as under.—

Safdarjung Hospital

1999-2000	=	Rs. 320.00 lakhs
2000-01	=	Rs. 360.00 lakhs
2001 -02 and upto June, 2002.	=	Rs. 506.00 lakhs

Dr. RML Hospital

1999-2000	=	Rs. 328.00 lakhs
2000-01	=	Rs. 305.00 lakhs
2001 -02 and upto June, 2002.	=	Rs. 442.00 lakhs

LHMC & Associated Hospital

1999-2000	=	Rs. 244.75 lakhs
2000-01	=	Rs. 214.79 lakhs
2001 -02 and upto June, 2002.	=	Rs. 305.47 lakhs

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(b) to (d) In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, the life saving and essential medicines are supplied free of cost to OPD/IPD patients.

UN report on AIDS

496. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the latest report of UN on AIDS, unless rich nations step up their efforts to curb the disease, AIDS will kill 70 million people over the next 20 years;

(b) whether Government have studied the said report;

(c) if so, the details of the alarming facts made by the UN report;

(d) the specific steps Government propose to take or concrete plans Government have chalked out to combat this disease; and

(e) the number of AIDS infected people in the country as on 31st March in 2000,2001 and 2002, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMIL^VELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The UN report on the global HIV/AIDS epidemic as on end 2001 shows world-wide figures on HIV/AIDS as follows:

Number of people living with HIV/AIDS	—	40 million
Number newly infected in 2001'	—	5 million
AIDS deaths in 2001 Number of children orphaned by AIDS	—	14 million

(d) In order to prevent and control HIV/AIDS, a comprehensive Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme. The main components consist of:—

* Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counselling, condom promotion, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

* Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communications (IEC) and awareness compaign,